

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached replacement sheets (drawing sheets 1/2 and 2/2) for Figures 4-6 of the drawings as originally filed. The attached replacement sheets provide English language translations for the text of Figures 4-6.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

At the outset, Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a copy of drawing sheet 2/5 showing Fig. 1B, which was submitted concurrently with the application upon national stage entry. Applicants have also submitted a photocopy of the date-stamped post card.

By this Amendment, Applicants have editorially revised Claims 1-17. The amendments should not be construed as narrowing the scope of the pending claims in any way and are not made for any reason related to patentability. Claims 1-17 are pending.

In response to the objection to Figures 4-6, Applicants submit herewith substitute drawing sheets 1/2 and 2/2 (and corresponding annotated sheets), which provide an English language translation of the text of the originally filed figures. In the next official communication, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate that these drawings are acceptable.

Turing to the merits, in the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5 and 7-15¹ were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,010,305 to Immonen et al. (“*Immonen*”), and Claims 6, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Immonen* in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,031,718 to Jouppi et al. (“*Jouppi*”).

Without acceding to the rejection, independent Claim 1 recites a quality of service management method comprising, for example, determining an overall priority level

¹ Applicants assume that the inclusion of Claim 6 with item 2 (*See* Office Action at 3) is a typographical error because this claim is addressed substantively with respect to the obviousness rejection on page 6 of the outstanding Office Action.

(NPG) associated with a data stream based on at least one quality of service parameter corresponding to a subscriber priority level and at least one quality of service parameter related to the type of service. It is apparent that *Immonen* fails to teach or suggest at least this limitation of independent Claim 1.

Immonen discloses enabling an assignment of values of service attributes to transmissions requested by user equipment in a radio access network, where values of service attributes are determined based on at least one value of at least one service attribute defined by a stored subscriber specific profile MaxQoS 15, and based on at least one stored common value of at least one service attribute defined by a default QoS profile 14. *See Immonen*, col. 3, lines 32-35, 41-47; col. 8, lines 32-51. According to *Immonen* each of the profiles includes values associated with an allocation/retention priority service attribute. *See Immonen*, col. 8, lines 35-40, 51-58. First, neither a service attribute nor the quality of service profiles, as in *Immonen*, constitute an overall priority level. Thus, determining values of service attributes, as disclosed by *Immonen*, does not constitute a teaching or suggestion of determining an overall priority level, let alone determining an overall priority level based on a quality of service parameter corresponding to a subscriber priority level and a quality of service parameter related to a type of service. *Immonen*, therefore, fails to teach or suggest the above-noted limitation of independent Claim 1. As such, independent Claim 1 is allowable over *Immonen*.

Claims 2-5 and 7-15 are allowable at least based on their dependence from independent Claim 1, as well as for the respective limitations recited therein.

Jouppi, which was used to reject Claims 6, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), fails to cure the above-discussed deficiencies of *Immonen*, nor does the Examiner rely on

Jouppi for these teachings. Accordingly, Claims 6, 16, and 17 are allowable at least based on their dependence from independent Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-17 distinguish patentably from the applied references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a prompt Notice of Allowance. However, should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2151-10156US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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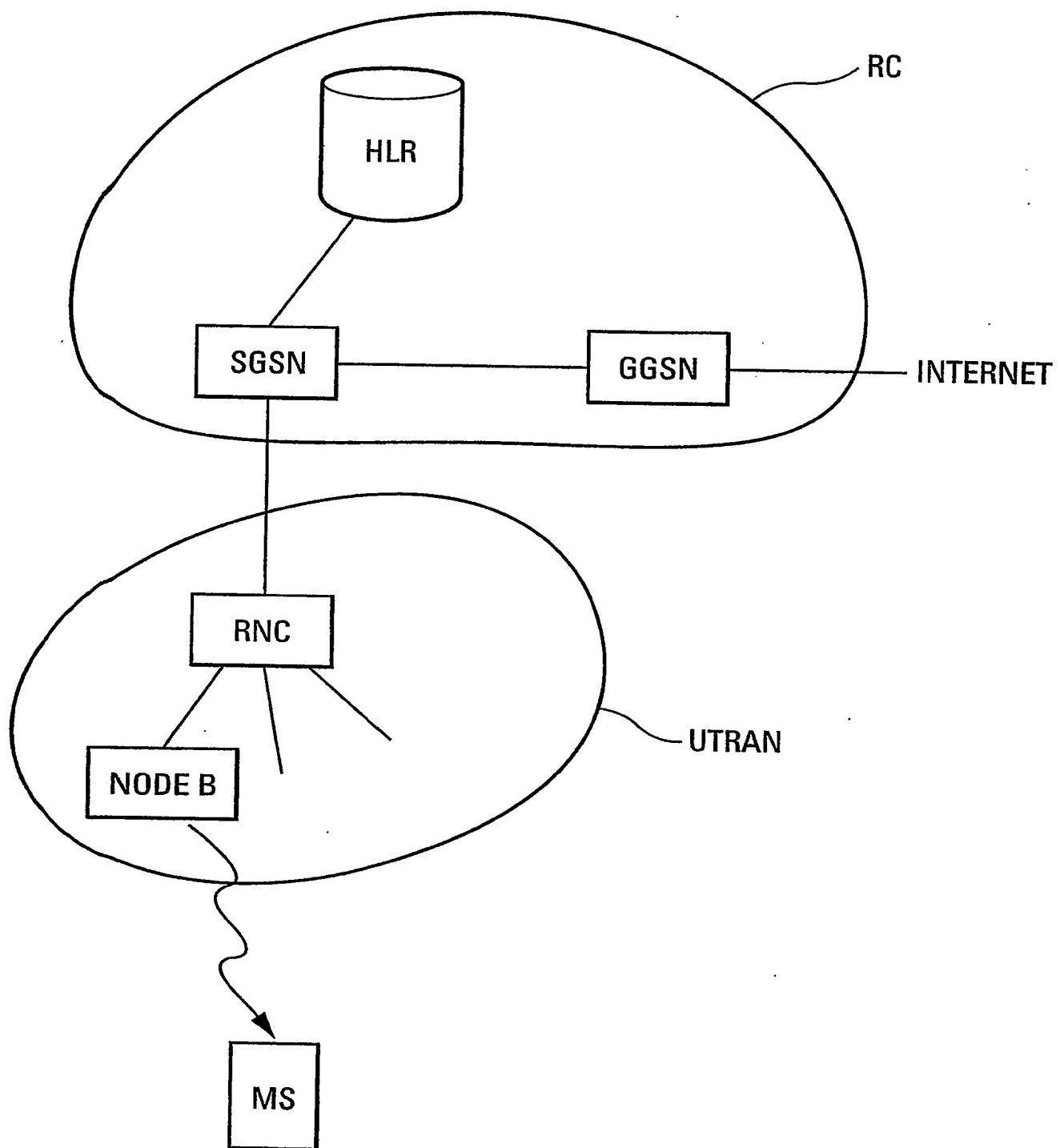


Fig. 1B

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